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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
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Dear Chairman Pinsky:

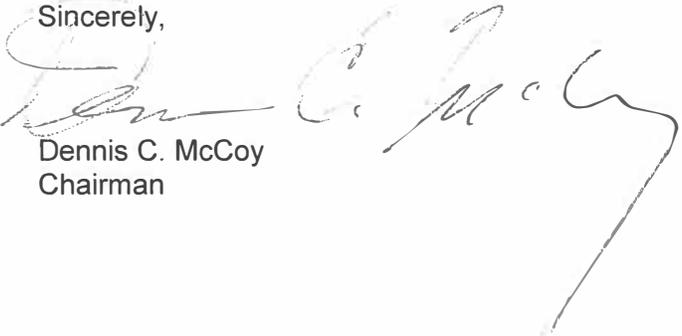
As chairman of the Maryland Board of Pilots, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 71, which extends the board's termination provisions from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2032.

The board currently licenses and regulates pilots who operate vessels on Maryland's navigable waterways. The board manages incident reports, impartially conducts disciplinary activities, and ensures the protection of Maryland's waterways.

The board currently manages 74 active pilot licenses and works to ensure that every pilot is providing safe and appropriate services that meet Maryland's standards. By extending the board's sunset provisions, Senate Bill 71 ensures that the board continues to protect the public and Maryland's waterways.

**The State Board of Pilots respectfully requests a favorable report from the committee on Senate Bill 71.**

Sincerely,

  
Dennis C. McCoy  
Chairman